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The Census Bureau, in a late bulletin touching upon the anthracite coal resources of Pennsylvania, estimated that the entire supply would be exhausted, so far as profitable mining is concerned, in 140 years. There is an enormous waste in mining anthracite. Two-thirds of the coal in the bed is wasted. Large proportions of pure anthracite have to be left as supports for the roofs of the mines, and there is a further loss of 20 to 25 per cent in crumbling during the process of breaking. An attempt has been made to burn the coal dust in the fire boxes of locomotives, but it has been only partially successful. The supply of bituminous coal, on the other hand, is practically inexhaustible. At the rate of 50,000,000 tons a year it would require 1,200 years to exhaust the bituminous veins easily accessible in the United States. It is probable that long before either kind of coal becomes scarce substitutes will be found to take their place will be found. The steam boilers will be heated, perhaps, by hydrogen flame or by some other chemical improvement. Electricity may do away with gas, which now consumes millions of tons of coal annually, and even the common domestic uses for coal may be in part supplied by improved methods.

HON. SAMUEL J. TILDEN has determined to put himself in active training for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1884. According to the Times, Mr. Tilden has already opened headquarters in Albany, which are in charge of Mr. Daniel Manning, a trusted lieutenant and editor of the Albany Argus, and has fixed upon a "slate" for the State offices to be filled the coming fall. On this slate the anti-Tilden element is to be allowed a fair representation with view of conciliating a heretofore disturbing element. Should this ticket be successful, the Times avers that Mr. Tilden will run for the governorship next year, and it is successful in that direction, will then address himself to the task of securing the nomination for the presidency. It is nearly three years yet until the meeting of the national convention, and there are many contingencies and party fluctuations possible between now and then; but the Times in advance evidently regards Mr. Tilden as a man to be drafted by the Republican party, for it declares that "this long-headed gamester is a power in the Democratic party," and that "as a political antagonist he has not yet ceased to be dangerous." The intimation that Mr. Tilden has again put himself in political training will draw the attention of the people of the country generally to the movements on the party chessboard in New York in the coming fall.

Boston is apparently in earnest over her project of a World's Fair in that city in 1885. The special committee appointed to report details of the plan have not yet reported, but it is said to be the general expectation that they will recommend that an exposition be held at the time proposed. With the experience of the centennial as a basis, it is estimated by the friends of the proposed fair that it will cost, all told, from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000, which sum must of course be guaranteed in advance. They count, however, on an attendance of 8,000,000 people and on four visits by each person, yielding, at 50 cents an admission, \$6,000,000. Half a million more, it is thought, can be raised from rentals and concessions. If these estimates are even approximately correct the income of the fair will pay nearly the entire cost, and those who subscribe to the guarantee fund will receive the bulk of their money back. It is by no means certain, however, that they are correct. Gen. C. B. Norton, who has been active in stirring up interest in the enterprise, has made a table of the sums which he regards as reasonable to expect will be subscribed by the various corporations and different classes of business and professional people in Boston, who will receive a direct money benefit from the fair. The sum total is \$4,000,000. Fifty cities and towns in New England, he thinks, ought to subscribe \$25,000 to be covered by small popular advances. This estimate, very properly, makes no call for government aid, which should not be expected or granted.

OUR CALIFORNIA LETTERS
The Return of the "Intelligencer's" Correspondent to California—Many Items of Interest.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 8, 1881.

Correspondence of the intelligence: After a long silence occasioned by my absence from this city and State, I will again endeavor to give the readers of the INTELLIGENCER newsthat I trust will prove of some interest.

Mr. B. W. Gally, of Wheeling, arrived in this city a few days since, and proceeded on to Waterville, where his uncle and cousins reside. He intends remaining there some time.

Charles L. McCoy, the "reliable," is always found in the Nevada Block, and it makes a gratifying smile steal over his familiar visage as much to meet a Wheelingite, as it does to put his autograph to a stock certificate and "take in" the specimens on the same. His lunch hour is 12 o'clock, city time.

Wm. A. Stuart, the County Clerk, disappeared very suddenly a few days since for parts unknown, leaving his resignation to the Board of Supervisors, allowing forged certificates and crooked accounts to explain the cause of his sudden disappearance.

They have decided to have an election this fall for officers for the city and county of San Francisco, and judging from the present indications they will have no less than a dozen tickets in the field. It seems that every disappointed aspirant for office in the Democratic party, who failed to be nominated on the regular ticket, started a party of their own, calling themselves the "Manhattans," "Yosemites," "Stalwarts," "Buckley's," "Mutches" etc.

This city owns its real estate and improvements aggregating \$30,000,000, which, deducting \$2,500,000 indebtedness, leaves the city property amounting to \$27,500,000 in value.

The Annual Mechanics' Fair, which opened for one month the first of August, promises to be the most successful held for years. The fruit display is very fine, and the best products.

The Regents of the State University experienced great difficulty in finding a superintendent of that institution, after the vacancy caused by the dismissal of Prof. Le Connies. After a deadlock of several days they succeeded in electing Prof. Reed who has been Principal of the Boys' High School of this city. Mr. D. O. Mills kindly

donated \$75,000 to the University for the foundation of a chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy and of Civil Policy.

SIR J. J. OURN, of the San Jose Mercury, published charges against Warden Ames of the San Quentin State Prison, which necessitated an investigation, wherein Governor Perkins duly appointed a commission composed of W. H. Mills, of the Sacramento Record Union; J. J. Ourn, of the San Jose Mercury, and F. A. Gibbs and Robert Watt, of this city. The commission have been at their work now over two weeks and have succeeded in divulging many tricks practiced in running a State Prison. But whether their work will prove futile is yet to be determined. It is presumed they will use whitewash before the investigation has terminated. One of the many queer business transactions of Mr. Ames is that of selling over 1,000 feet of lumber, leaving it, he said, to be entered on the books at the end of the year. This transaction with many others, is strongly suggestive of an easy-going state of affairs not at all creditable to the institution.

The investigation of the charges presented by Congressman Page against Superintendent Dodge of the United States Mint in this city has been in progress for over a week. There was an investigation in 1877, when F. F. Low, H. R. Lindeman and Superintendent Dodge, who acted as Commissioners to investigate the charges against O. H. Lagrange, conspired to oust Dodge so that Dodge might obtain the superintendency of the mint. It seems that during the administration of Mr. Dodge there has been a loss to the Government of \$22,000 in Northern Belle bullion purchased from Mr. Low, on the Anglo-California Bank, and Mr. Dodge wanted to defeat the election of Mr. Page in Congress, and "fix" all of Page's friends out of the mint. The following charges recited by Mr. Blanchard for the prosecution are known as charge 9.

The Superintendent has received silver bullion below standard 900 fine, upon which he remitted parting and refining charges, contrary to law and regulations.

That he has neglected to make deductions (until the last year) required by the regulations, on account of which neglect the Government has sustained losses.

That a large proportion of said bullion was received from the Anglo-California Bank, and known as Northern Belle bullion.

That said bullion was received under pretense that the base was copper, while the same contained other base metals and substances which rendered it unfit for coining.

That such receipt of the same occasioned great loss to the Government.

That the receipt of said low-grade bullion was to the interest of the depositors, and to the detriment and injury of the Government.

That the losses in the manipulation of silver bullion during the administration of Superintendent Dodge have been unusual and extravagant.

That under charge 9 we shall show that large amounts of bullion have been stolen from the Mint during Mr. Dodge's administration, and that while some of the parties implicated have been prosecuted, others have been suffered to resign without prosecution or their stealing being reported to the proper authorities.

T. M. NIVRAK,

DR. HAMMOND TALKS AGAIN.
He Still Adheres to the Opinion That the President Will Die.

From the N. Y. papers.

A reporter of the Express called upon Dr. William A. Hammond, and found him quite prepared to converse upon the subject of the President's condition. His opinion of the case throughout its several features has been adverse to those of the attending physicians, and in various interviews, published in the Express, Dr. Hammond has always taken the stand that the death of the President would result from, not the severity of the wound, but from the neglect which was shown during the first forty-eight hours by the attending physician, and the erroneous diagnosis which had been made in this. In this Dr. Hammond was supported by the recognised authority of Drs. J. R. Wood, R. F. Wier and J. M. Cunningham, who agreed substantially with his view of the case throughout its course. When the reporter mentioned the fact that the President's relapse was a most sorrowful surprise to the people, Dr. Hammond said that he had anticipated it as a natural consequence of the President's debilitated condition, and that it would lead almost directly to his decease. "The case," said Dr. Hammond, "does, and has throughout its various developments, point to all the symptoms of pyrexia. Low respiration, the growing temperature, the inability of the patient's stomach to sustain food, this gradual wasting away of the body, the pinched appearance of the features, and especially of the nose, the comatose state in which his breathing hours are passed, and the general disintegration of the system, are conclusive indications that the patient is fatally poisoned, and cannot live. The attending physicians have neglected this view of the case entirely. 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